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- 25X1 1. On 29 October [REDACTED] visual reconnaissance of the Chekiang coast revealed the following:
- a. Shihtangwan (121-36, 28-16): 30-40 fishing junks.
  - b. Shashan (121-39, 28-45) - Chiaochiang (121-22, 28-42) area: 11 gray gunboats sailing toward the Tach'en Islands at 10:30 a.m..
  - c. Shihp'u (121-56, 29-12): 40 fishing junks and 1 large sailing junk.
  - d. Haimen (121-26, 28-40): 9-10 gray gunboats and 30-40 fishing junks.
  - e. South of Yuhuan (121-14, 28-08): 50 motor junks anchored.
  - f. West of Yuhuan: 40 motor junks anchored.
  - g. Loohingwan (120-04, 28-06): 8 motor junks anchored.
  - h. Wenchou (121-10, 27-56): 90 small fishing junks.
- 25X1 [REDACTED] 2. At 1:50 p.m. on 28 October two Chinese Communist gunboats sailed north from Chiaochiang (121-22, 28-42).

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3. At 4 p.m. on 28 October ten Chinese Communist gunboats arrived at Chiaochiang from the north.<sup>2</sup> Two of the gunboats were of 80 tons, one of 800 tons, and five of 60 tons. At 6 p.m. these gunboats arrived near Toumen (121-46, 28-42) and Ichiang (121-48, 28-36) with a large number of fishing junks.
  4. On the morning of 29 October ten gunboats from the vicinity of Toumen and Ichiang returned to Chiaochiang. No mining occurred.
  5. On 28 October the Chinese Communist gunboats HAI YEN (3189/2518), HUI CHING (1920/7230), HSIIEH HSI (0588/5038), and LI CHUNG (0448/0022) were disposed in Wenchou.<sup>3</sup> All vessels were less than 300 feet in length and were equipped with light machine guns; the LI CHUNG was additionally equipped with two 60 mm mortars.
  6. Between 8 and 11 p.m. on 30 October many motor junks from Ichiang were near Langchishan (121-36, 28-32).

25X1 [ ] Comment. The term "gunboat" is reported as received and the reader is cautioned that this is a generic term for minor combatant vessels and not necessarily a gunboat (PG) or frigate (PF) designation.

- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. The concentration of gunboats may represent a Communist threat to Nationalist-held Tach'en Islands.

25X1 [ ] Comment. The Chinese Communist maneuvering possibly represents attacks on Ichiang or Pishan. The Nationalist Navy on Tach'en and all troops and guerrillas on Nationalist-held islands off Chekiang have been alerted for possible attacks. The present strength on Shangtach'en (121-54, 28-30) is 4,196 guerrillas and 4,653 Nationalist regulars, and on Hsiatach'en (121-54, 28-28) 188 guerrillas and 3,479 Nationalist regulars.

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- 25X1 2. [ ] Comment. The same information was reported [ ] (121-52, 28-48).

- 25X1 3. [ ] Comment. The visual reconnaissance of Wenchou in paragraph 1 showed 90 small fishing junks. The vessels reported here cannot be identified by this office.

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